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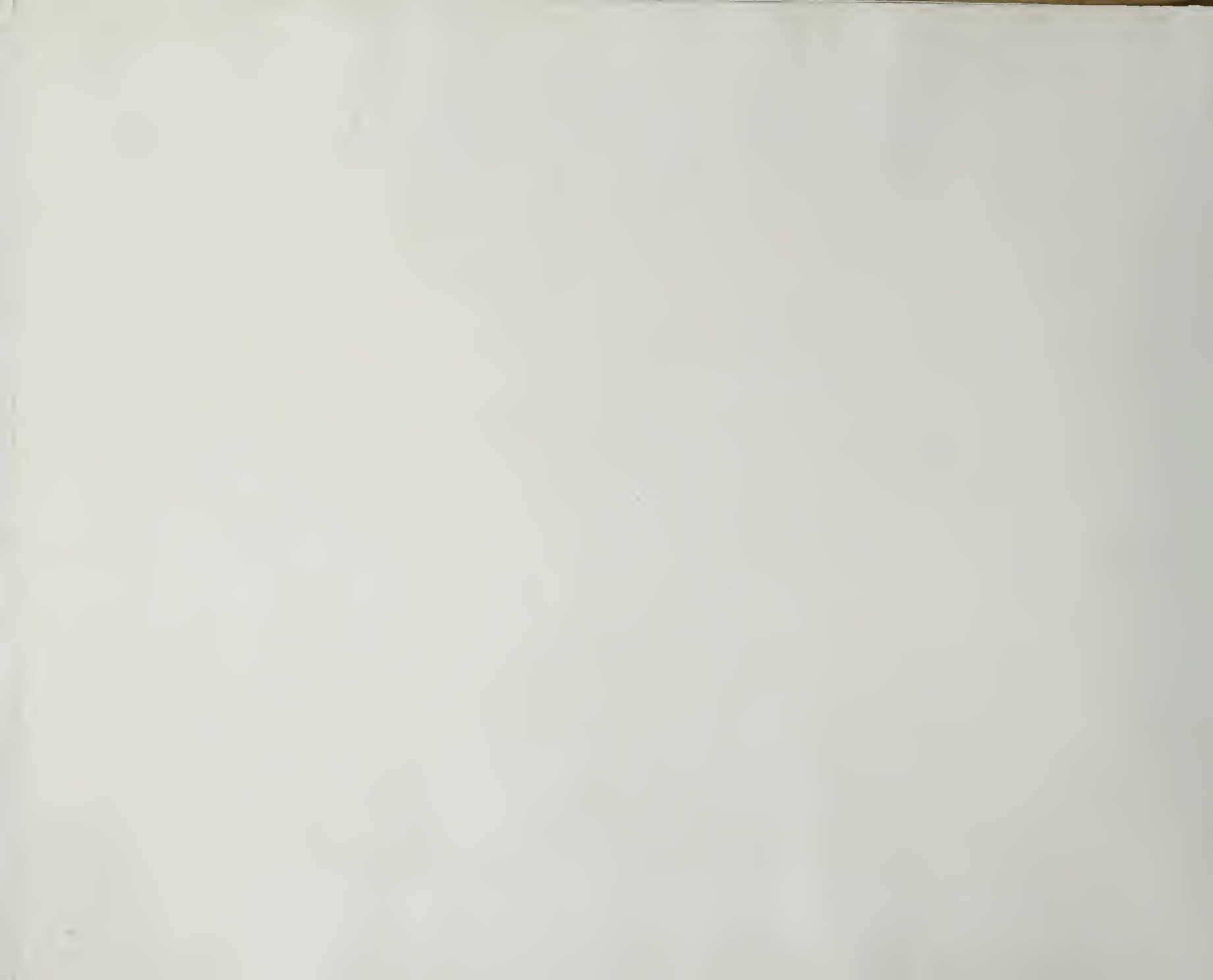
With best wishes.

Yours
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THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF PORTLAND.



Christening of

The Marquis of Titchfield,

→* May 22nd, 1893. *←



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“THE BEST THAT HE COULD WISH HIM WAS THAT THE MARQUIS WOULD PROVE LIKE HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM, AND THAT AS HE (THE BISHOP) HAD SAID ELSEWHERE, HE MIGHT LEAD HIS LIFE ACCORDING TO THE BEGINNING THAT DAY.”

—*Bishop of Southwell.*


Welbeck, May 22nd, 1893.





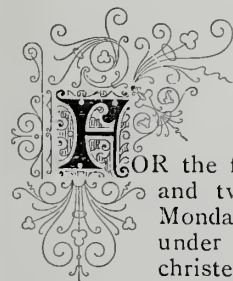


THE MARQUIS OF TITCHFIELD, LADY VICTORIA, AND NURSE.



May the angels hover near,
Coming from the regions blest,
Safely guard thee, baby, dear.—

Oxenford.



FOR the first time during a period of one hundred and twenty-four years there was celebrated on Monday, May 22nd, 1893, at Welbeck Abbey, under the most auspicious circumstances, the christening of a Marquis of Titchfield, heir to the Dukedom of Portland. There have been sons of the noble house who have held the title of Marquis of Titchfield during this long period of time, but this is the first infant who has been born to it. As became such an occasion the proceedings were of a most interesting and historical character, and will no doubt be remembered as long as life lasts, by all who were privileged to take part in them. The Nottinghamshire home of the Bentincks has been the scene of many memorable gatherings, but never one of greater interest than this. It was an occasion which was impressive in that it afforded an example of all that is best in English life. A spontaneity of fervour, a hearty demonstration of the most cordial relationship which

exists between landlord and tenant, and a sincere desire to testify to the delight which the birth of the Marquis of Titchfield has aroused, were the characteristics of an assembly which will remain notable in the annals of a distinguished house. One hope animated all: that the infant Marquis, born to a high estate, born to power and dominion possessed by but few out of the many millions in our country, may grow up worthy of the best traditions of his order, a noble son of a noble father and virtuous mother. The weather was delightful; a Whit-Monday such as has not been experienced for many years. The sun shone most brilliantly throughout the day, but there was sufficient breeze to prevent the heat being oppressive.

The proceedings were of a semi-private character, the only persons invited, outside the house party at Welbeck Abbey, being deputations from the English tenants of the Duke of Portland, who also formed a presentation committee. These were: *Mansfield, Lyndhurst, and Calverton*—Messrs. G. Adlington, C. J. Neale, Theophilus Bowles, F. A. Burton, and W. Bryan. *Mansfield Woodhouse*—Messrs. J. L. Fletcher and W. Hollins, J.P. *Sutton-in-Ashfield, Fulwood, and Hucknall Huthwaite*—Messrs. W. M. Oates, J.P., J. G. Allsop, W. Beeley, J. C. Sampson, and G. G. Bonser. *Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Annesley*—Messrs. R. G. Hanson, J. C. Fisher, and S. D. Hibbert. *Hucknall Torkard*—Messrs. W. Jacklin, H. Rhodes, Henry Houghton, and W. F. Falconbridge. *Langwith*—Mr. J. Collingham. *Holbeck, Woodhouse Hall, Welbeck, and Worksop*—Mr. J. F. Boaler. *Cuckney, Norton, Carburton, and Warsop*—Messrs. T. S. Ludlow, W. Vickers, R. Collingham, and W. H. Marlow. *Clipstone and Edwinstowe*—Messrs. J. W. Widdowson and F. W. Paulson. *Cotham, Stoke, and Sibthorpe*—Mr. R. Fox. *Alverton and Kilvington*—Mr. R. T. Brown. *Gringley, Misterton, and Walkeringham*—Messrs. T. Bingley and E. Smith. *Mattersea and Sutton-cum-Lound*—Messrs. Smurthwaite, G. A. Walker, and W. A. Bonser. *Elkesley, Egmanton, and Lancham*—Mr. W. Allen. The foregoing are all Nottinghamshire tenants. Derbyshire tenants: *Bolsover and Kilamarsh*—Messrs. A. C. Sykes and Jos. Biggin. *Elmton and Cresswell*—Messrs. J.

Jackson, G. Cox, and S. Booth. *Whitwell*—Messrs. P. Webster and G. Walker. *Lincolnshire and Norfolk* tenants: *Lynn*—Messrs. W. Marshall and W. C. Marshall. *Thurlby Grange*—Mr. Kemp. *Cawkwell*—Mr. C. Robson. *Northumberland* tenants—Messrs. James Moore, Thomas Heslop, G. Angus, and H. Joblin. It will thus be seen the tenants came from far and from near—from all the surrounding neighbourhood, and from the far off Northumbrian hills, all full to the brim with enthusiasm and love for their noble landlord and his wife, anxious to show their feelings towards them, and their loyalty to the youthful heir.

When the present Duke came into the estates, and again when he brought to his ducal home the lovely lady who is associated with his name and title, the enthusiastic celebration which attended the homecoming was a proof that the ties existing between landlord and tenant were not merely those of a financial character, but had a bearing which showed that altogether above and beyond mercenary considerations, the feelings of the tenantry could only be translated in the language of the warmest friendship.

THE ENGLISH PRESENTATION.

THE announcement of the birth of a son and heir was met by the Duke's English and Scotch tenantry with the warmest congratulations, and on all hands there was a spontaneous desire to honour the occasion in a fitting manner. With a truly generous instinct, the kindness of his Grace was manifested when the first intimation of the desire of the tenants to give loyal expression to their generous enthusiasm reached him; for he wrote to Mr. F. J. Turner, his Agent, that he could not help feeling "that in these times of serious agricultural depression perhaps the presentation of a gift may be an undue tax on the resources of my friends; and if you should find such is the case, I trust that you will do what you can to prevent the scheme being set on foot." This was with his Grace no mere use of set terms, for it had been preceded by a remission of a substantial percentage

in rents for the year. The presentation made by the English tenants consisted of a silver christening bowl and an illuminated address. The bowl, which was manufactured by Messrs. Atkin Brothers, of Truro Works, Sheffield, is a wonderful specimen of art workmanship, and is as exquisitely wrought as it is choice in design. The large dimensions have given the chaser ample opportunity for exhibiting his skill, and the ability with which he has made use of Italian Renaissance Ornaments is one of the main features in a truly splendid piece of work. Some idea of the vast proportions may be formed from the fact that it will hold seven gallons, and has a girth of five-and-a-half feet. The weight is 353 ounces troy—equal to about 26 pounds avoirdupois. It is beautifully engraved with the following inscription underneath the crest:—

"Presented by the tenants in England of the Duke of Portland to the Marquis of Titchfield on the day of his baptism at Welbeck, May 22nd, 1893."

It is mounted on an ebony plinth, with a silver shield, on which is the crest of the Marquis and the date of the christening. There are heirlooms at Welbeck, to which historic interest has long been attached, including gifts from monarchs and statesmen illustrious in European records, but to the presentation bowl above mentioned an association of special significance attaches, not altogether apart from the fact that it is 124 years since a similar event took place, and the hope which animates all who know the Duke, that it may be many a long year before another such event takes place. Indeed in the ordinary course of events it is quite possible another century will elapse ere a Marquis of Titchfield is born. Accompanying the bowl was an illuminated address to the Duke and Duchess of Portland. This address was an unique specimen of the illuminators' art, in the style of the early 15 century missals, and is composed of 25 pages. The ducal arms, fully emblazoned in proper heraldic colours, occupy the first page. The second and third pages, which contain the address proper, are surrounded by very richly illuminated borders in the pointed ornamentation peculiar to that style of art, and are coloured in



ENGLISH TENANTS' PRESENT.

intensely rich tones, while the most prominent feature is the Duke's title, with coronet encircled in the large initial "D" of the word "Duke." The address was as follows:—

"To the most noble William John Arthur Charles James, sixth Duke of Portland, Earl of Portland, Viscount Woodstock, and Baron Cirencester.

May it please your Grace,—We, your tenantry in England, desire to convey to you and to her Grace the Duchess of Portland our unanimous and most hearty congratulations on the occasion of the birth of your son and heir, the first Marquis of Titchfield who has been born for the long period of 124 years. We trust this addition to your domestic happiness will prove an unalloyed blessing, and the infant Marquis will, under God's providence, be endowed with health, strength, and wisdom, and that he will inherit and develop those virtues and high qualities which so eminently distinguish his parents, and command the respectful esteem and regard of the tenants on every part of your estates."

The whole of the address and borders were designed and illuminated by Mr. R. T. Mounteney, Nottingham.

A PRESENT FOR THE MARQUIS.

A little Shetland yearling, only 31 inches high, and weighing $7\frac{1}{2}$ stones, was given by Mr. Alex. Sinclair, of Wick, for the use of the little Marquis when he has attained sufficient years to ride about the Park.

THE CHRISTENING CEREMONY.



THE Christening ceremony was announced to take place at half-past twelve, and punctually at that time the proceedings commenced in the Chapel, which his Grace has recently had made out of a portion of the old Riding School. Owing to the limited capacity of the building, admission was by ticket only, whereby overcrowding was

prevented. The Duke and Duchess of Portland were the first to arrive, and were followed by Prince Hohenlo, His Excellency the Portugese Ambassador, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, Lady Laura Ridding, the Countess of Minto, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Yorke, the Marchioness of Granby, Lord and Lady Henry Bentinck, Lady Ottoline Bentinck, Lord William Bentinck, Lord Charles Bentinck, Viscount Newark, M.P., and Viscountess Newark, Sir Frederick Milner, M.P., and Lady Milner, Sir John and Lady Lister Kaye, Lady Margaret Graham, Mr. H. Graham, Sir George Maude, Col. Carew, Mrs. Gerald Leigh, the Hon. R. Ward, and Mr. Colvin. Amongst those present in the Chapel, in addition to the House part were many of the Duke's tenants and others, including County Councillor T. Bingley (Gringley), Mr. E. Smith (Gringley), Mr. Smurthwaite (Sutton), Mr. J. W. A. Bonnor (Mattersea), Mr. W. M. Oates, J.P., Mr. W. Beeley, Mr. Allsop Sutton-in-Ashfield), Mr. Burton (Sherwood Hall, Mansfield), Mr. Bowles (Lyndhurst, Mansfield), Mr. Wm. Allen (Worksop), Mr. C. J. Neale, High Oakham (the Duke's Architect), Mr. G. Walker (Mattersea), Mr. G. G. Bonser, Mr. S. D. Hibber, Mr. J. G. Sampson, Mr. D. Fisher, Mr. J. Collingham, Mr. R. Collingham (Cuckney), Mr. R. G. Hanson (Kimberley), Mr. Hy. Houghton, Mr. W. F. Falconbridge, Mr. Hy. Rhodes, Mr. W. Jacklin, Mr. Abel Sykes, C.C. (Bolsover), Mr. J. C. Robson (Cawkwell), Mr. Vickers (Headthorpe), Mr. P. Webster (Whitwell), Mr. Bryan (Mansfield) secretary to the Presentation Committee; Mr. Fletcher (Mansfield Woodhouse), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. T. Warner Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner and Misses Turner, Mr. J. W. Spedding, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Mackintosh. Her Grace was accompanied by Lady Victoria, and they, with the Duke of Portland, occupied seats near to the font. The font is an ornate piece of workmanship, of the date 1797, made of solid gold; it was used last on the occasion of the christening of the last Marquis of Titchfield. The bowl is circular, and its ornamentation is of Greek borders, with cherubs. The base is a square plinth, and supporting the bowl are three finely-modelled figures of Faith, Hope, and Charity. It was made originally for the christening of William

Henry, Marquis of Titchfield, eldest son of William Harley, fourth Duke of Portland. The infant heir of the Duke of Portland was carried into Church by the head nurse, "Sister Grace." He was attired in a white satin robe, beneath which he wore the lace robe made for his sister, and presented to the Duke and Duchess by the Salisbury Habitation of the Primrose League in Nottingham, whilst over all there was a veil of Honiton lace. The Duchess of Buccleuch was godmother, and Lord Henry Bentinck and Mr. Henry Graham godfathers. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Southwell, assisted by the Rev. J. Butterwick, domestic chaplain to the Duke of Portland. The service commenced with the singing of the hymn :—

O FATHER, Thou who hast created all
 In wisest love, we pray,
 Look on this babe, who at Thy gracious call
 Is entering on life's way;
 Bend o'er *him* in Thy tenderness,
 Thine image on *his* soul impress,
 O FATHER hear!

O SON of GOD, who diedst for us, behold,
 We bring our child to Thee;
 Thou tender Shepherd, take *him* to Thy fold,
 Thine own for aye to be;
 Defend *him* through this earthly strife,
 And lead *him* on the path of life,
 O SON of GOD!

O HOLY GHOST, who broodest o'er the wave,
 Descend upon this child;
 Give *him* undying life, *his* spirit lave,
 With waters undefiled;
 Grant *him*, while yet a babe, to be
 A child of GOD, a home for Thee,
 O HOLY GHOST!

O TRIUNE GOD, what Thou command'st is done;
 We speak, but Thine the might;
 This child hath scarce yet seen our earthly sun,
 Yet pour on *him* Thy light,
 In faith and hope, in joy and love,
 Thou sun of all below, above,
 O TRIUNE GOD! Amen.

The Godmother having taken the Marquis from the arms of the nurse, handed him to the Bishop, and in answer to the formal question "Name this child," replied in the clearest tones

"WILLIAM ARTHUR HENRY."

Throughout the whole of the service the child never uttered a single cry. The service ended with the singing of the hymn.

In token that thou shalt not fear
 CHRIST Crucified to own,
 We print the Cross upon thee here,
 And stamp thee His alone.

In token that thou shalt not blush
 To glory in His Name,
 We blazon here upon thy font
 His glory and His shame.

In token that thou shalt not flinch
 CHRIST's quarrel to maintain,
 But 'neath His banner manfully
 Firm at thy post remain.

In token that thou too shalt tread
 The path He travell'd by,
 Endure the cross, despise the shame,
 And sit thee down on high.

Thus outwardly and visibly
 We seal thee for His own,
 And may the brow that wears His cross
 Hereafter share His Crown. Amen.

The register was subsequently signed by the Bishop of Southwell in the presence of the parents and friends. A beautiful souvenir of the occasion, in the shape of "a form of the service," bound in gold and white, was presented to each person who had the privilege of being present.





THE CHAPEL—WELBECK.

THE LUNCHEON.



AT the conclusion of the service the guests and deputations repaired to the Abbey, and after a few minutes waiting in the hall, where they were enabled to inspect a splendid gold tile presented to the IVth Duke of Portland by the Ayrshire tenantry, the great Russian bears on either side of the door, which offer mute testimony to the

Duke's skill as a hunter, and various treasures with which the hall is filled; they were ushered into the drawing room, where they were received by the Duke and Duchess of Portland, to whom they were introduced by Mr. F. J. Turner. Their Graces, in that characteristically genial fashion, which has made them so universally beloved and esteemed, cordially shook hands with each of the visitors, and had a happy word to say to such as they were acquainted with, and a welcome smile for all. Passing through the drawing-room the party were ushered into the gothic dining hall, where was to be seen a magnificent array of gold and silver plate—the racing trophies of the late Lord George Bentinck and his Grace the present Duke of Portland. Prominent amongst these were the Ascot gold cup and the Newcastle gold cup, treasures which anyone might be pardoned for coveting. A very prominent position at the head of the room was given to the beautiful silver cradle and address presented by the Scotch Tenantry on the occasion of the birth of the Marquis. In this hall, dinner was laid for about one hundred and fifty persons, including the Duke's house party. The Tenants who partook of his Grace's hospitality were for the most part those mentioned as forming the presentation committee. In addition there were Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. T. Warner Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mr. W. G. Sample, the Misses Turner, Rev. and Mrs. Butterwick.

During luncheon the following programme was performed by Herr Gotlieb's Vienna Orchestral Band, conducted by the Maestro himself:—

MARCH	"Freicorps"	MILLOCHER
WALTZ... ..	"Juristenball"	STRAUSS
OVERTURE	"Rantzau"	MASCAGUI
POLKA	"Pizzicato"	STRAUSS
SELECTION	"Aida"	VERDI
WALTZ... ..	"Am Meere"	MILLOCHER
CSARDAS (new)	SERLEY
GALOP... ..	"Bahnfrei"	STRAUSS

The DUKE OF PORTLAND, whose rising was the signal for loud cheering, proposed "The Queen and the Royal Family." He said for nearly 56 years the Queen had reigned over her people, not only by divine right, but also by the love and affection they bore for her in their hearts. (Applause.) Whilst drinking to the toast, as he knew they would do with all heartiness, he asked them to join with him in wishing long life, prosperity, and every happiness which this world can afford to his Royal Highness the Duke of York and her Royal Highness Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. (Cheers.) When the news of their engagement was first announced all England rejoiced, and he felt personally certain that in no part of the empire was the news received with greater pleasure than in Nottinghamshire. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Mr. ANGUS then rose and stated that he had been chosen by a committee of the English tenantry of his Grace to read an address, which he did, and then formally handed the album, to his Grace, who received it amid loud cheers.

Mr. LUDLOW said it was with the greatest pleasure and with the good wish of every one of his Grace's tenants he had now to present a christening bowl to his Grace for his son the Marquis of Titchfield. (Cheers.) He could assure the Duke and Duchess that whilst they all rejoiced on hearing of the engagement of Prince George and the Princess May, all the tenants rejoiced when they heard of the birth of the Marquis of Titchfield. (Cheers.) From the highest to the lowest amongst them they had subscribed with the greatest generosity, and with their best wishes for the welfare of his lordship. (Cheers.) He hoped that when the Marquis grew up and saw the christening bowl which he had the honour of presenting

that day, he would see how greatly his father and mother were appreciated by his tenantry. (Applause.) He had illustrious birth. Might he prove illustrious also in his actions. Their wish was that he might command the respect and esteem of everyone who knew him, and prove one of the brightest ornaments of the society in which he moved, gaining the love of all with whom he came into contact. (Cheers.) Mr. Ludlow asked those present to join in drinking to the health and long life of the Duke and Duchess. He knew that it needed few words from him to make it acceptable. They all knew the manly character of his Grace and the loving and endearing qualities of the Duchess. (Cheers.) He was sure they would join in drinking the toast with the greatest cordiality. Might their Graces live long; might their lives prove glorious from beginning to end; and might all their tenantry be happy, contented, and prosperous. Let them drink the toast with such cheers as would shake the roof. (Laughter and cheers.)

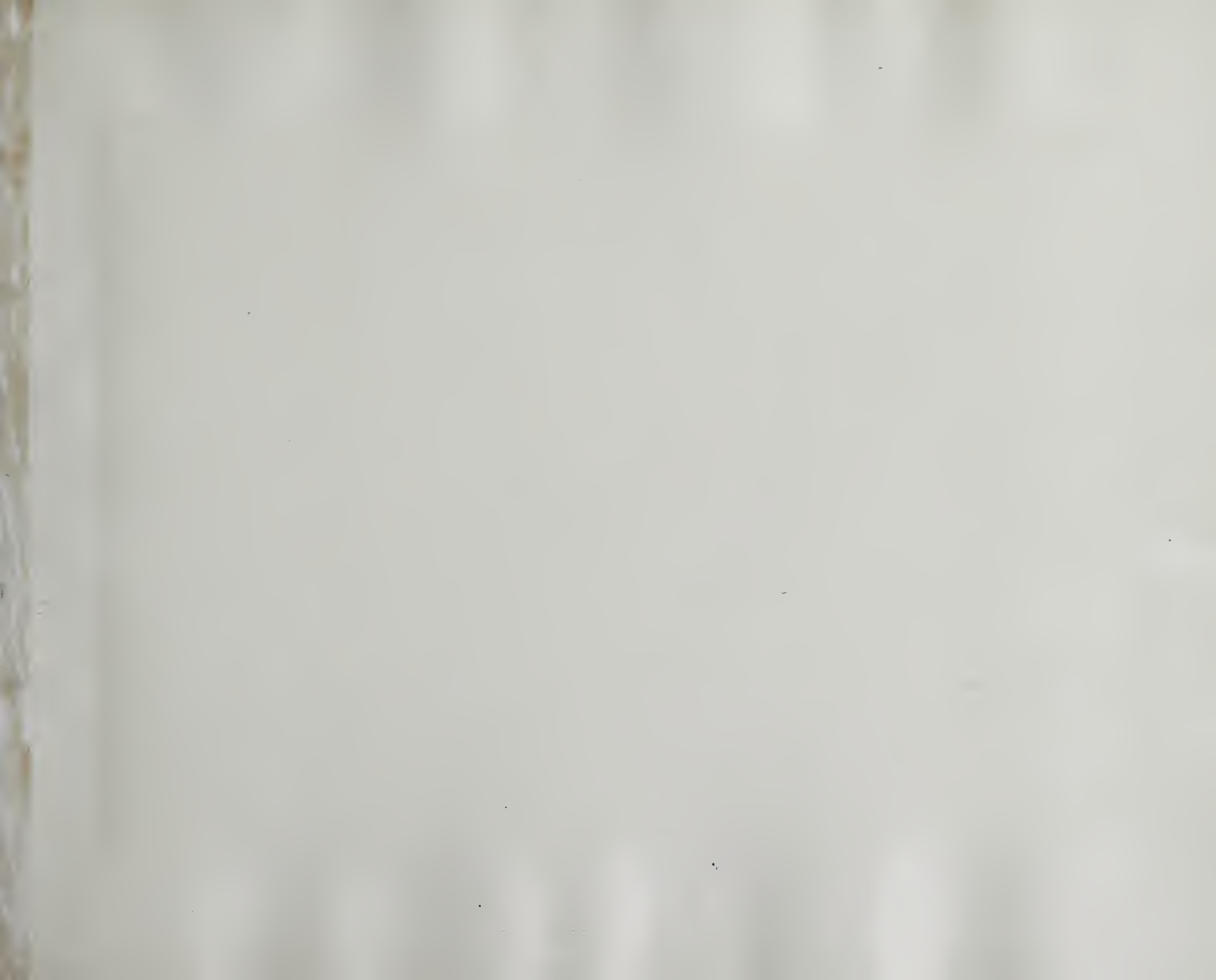
The toast was honoured amid a scene of much enthusiasm. Hearty cheers were given for the Duke, the Duchess, the Marquis, and his sister (Lady Victoria), every member of the company rising.

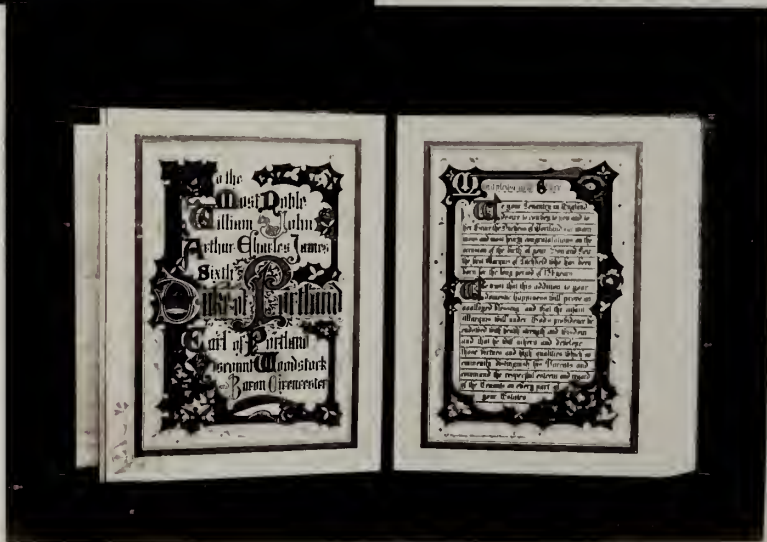
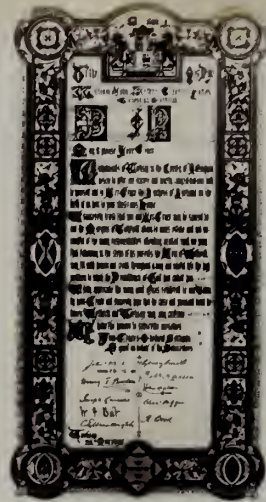
The DUKE of PORTLAND, in reply, said: I thank you, Messrs. Angus and Ludlow, on behalf of my wife and on my own behalf, for the very kind words which you have spoken, and we thank you, gentlemen, from the depth of our hearts, for the cordial address, and the splendid bowl which you have presented as a christening present to our little son. (Cheers.) When I first heard from your friend and my friend, Mr. Turner—(cheers)—that it was your intention to make him such a gift, I considered that it was my duty to do what I could in these days of agricultural depression to prevent my friends from spending their money. I felt that the most valuable gift which you could make, not only to our son, but also to my wife and to myself, would be the same warm sympathy which you have always extended to every member of my family whenever the occasion has arisen. I can never forget, no more can they, the warm welcome you gave to Lady Bolsover, to my brothers, to my sisters, and to myself—(cheers)—when I succeeded to these estates, now nearly 14 years ago—(cheers)—and as long as there

is breath in our bodies the splendid reception which you gave to my wife and to myself on our wedding day will not only be present in our minds but in our hearts. (Loud cheers) With feelings of the greatest pleasure we welcome you to-day to our home, and we rejoice to know that you were present at the christening of our little son. For we trust that with God's help we shall be able to educate him to look upon his duty to the people who live around his home, and whom to-day you represent, as the first consideration of his life. In your love and in your respect I hope he will find his greatest pleasure, for I know you will readily extend to him the same loyalty as you and your forefathers have always shown, not only to myself, but also to every other man who has borne my name. (Loud cheers). Whilst again thanking you, gentlemen, for the splendid tokens of your goodwill, I assure you they will always be to my wife and to myself most charming mementoes of this day, and I trust that in years to come they will remind our son that whatever his short comings may be, or whatever difficulties should arise in his path, he must try to do his duty. (Loud cheers.)

MR. F. J. TURNER proposed the health of Lady Bolsover. (Cheers.) Her ladyship had, he said, endeared herself to all who knew her. (Cheers.) Hearty cheers were given for Lady Bolsover, Lady Ottoline Bentinck, Lord and Lady Henry Bentinck, and other members of the family.

LORD HENRY BENTINCK, who was cordially received, thanked Mr. Turner very much for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and those present for the manner in which they had received it. It was, he knew, a matter of great regret to his mother that she was the only member of the family who was absent that day. Unfortunately she was a great invalid, and a railway journey was a very great undertaking for her, but he knew that she joined in hoping that the sun of happiness which was shining so brightly on the Duke and Duchess might not be dimmed by any cloud. (Cheers.) He did not know that he could possibly say more than to express the hope that without a single exception they might all meet in that hall 21 years hence to drink to the health of the Marquis of Titchfield. (Loud cheers.)





CONGRATULATORY ADDRESSES.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL said he esteemed it a great privilege to propose "The Health of the Marquis of Titchfield," for whose prosperity the tenantry had expressed themselves not only in words, but in deeds. (Cheers.) The best that he could wish him was that the Marquis would prove like his father before him—(cheers)—and that as he (the bishop) had said elsewhere, he might lead his life according to the beginning that day. (Loud cheers.) He must say that his lordship had behaved extremely well. (Laughter and cheers.) At the moment of speaking he was sufficiently far out of reach not to be disturbed in those slumbers which all who desired his welfare wished him to enjoy, and, therefore, he (the speaker) ventured to lead them in giving hearty cheers for William Arthur Henry, Marquis of Titchfield. (Cheers.)

The DUKE OF PORTLAND, in reply, said he desired to thank the Bishop of Southwell most heartily for the way he had proposed the health of his little son, and for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He did not know what his son would wish him to say for him, because he had not told him—(laughter)—but he (the duke) could only on his behalf repeat the sentiments that his brother had uttered when he had expressed the hope that in 21 years from that time they might meet them all there, so that the Marquis himself might tell them how much he appreciated the good feeling shown towards him at his birth. (Cheers.)

The DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH afterwards proposed "The Health of Lady Victoria Bentinck," and

The DUKE OF PORTLAND, in reply, said that he could assure them that Lady Victoria, now that she knew her little brother, welcomed him most sincerely. At first she said to him one day, "Father, do tell me how long little brother is going to be in little girl's nursery." He could not, in reply to her question, explain how long; but this he could say, that now he was there she was very fond of him indeed. (Loud cheers.)



THE MARQUIS'S FIRST RECEPTION.

HIS concluded the proceedings in the dining-room, and the company were invited to the drawing-room for the purpose of being introduced to the infant, in connection with whom the day's ceremonies had taken place. When all had taken their places the Duchess entered, bearing the infant in her arms, and with a look of pride such as only a mother can have, carried the babe round the room. She was also accompanied by the Lady Victoria, who in turn was accompanied by a doll nearly as large as herself. Her little ladyship was just a trifle shy, but bore the somewhat trying ordeal in a capital manner. As to the infant Marquis, he bore his honours "like a man," never once opening his baby lips to pout or cry. The general verdict was, "A fine boy," and "Just like his father." Nor was there any flattery in these expressions—the heir to the Portland name and honours is a really beautiful babe, and the expressions that he might grow up to be as good and noble as his parents were thoroughly sincere.

WITH THE DUKE AT HUNCIECROFT.

HIS Grace has done by the most careful and judicious selection of animals, at great outlay in money, and the exercise of considerable skill extending over a period of several years. A word or two in reference to Hunciecroft itself may be necessary to enable the reader to appreciate more fully the extent and capacity of the place as a home for the production of high-bred horses. The boxes, yards, courts, and paddocks occupy many acres of ground contiguous to the Worksop and Mansfield-road, about four miles from the first-mentioned

town. Beautifully kept gravel-walks lead to the various areas or enclosures, and at the entrances as well as at convenient centres are clean, handsome, stone-built lodges for the grooms; the house of the stud-groom, Mr. W. Chapman, being centrally situated and commanding a full view of the whole. Everywhere there is a visible air of order, neatness, and scrupulous cleanliness befitting the extensive establishment of so worthy a nobleman. It was to inspect this interesting place that his Grace invited as many of his guests as cared to accompany him on Monday afternoon, and needless to say a good many availed themselves of the Duke's kindness.

A visit to Huncicroft, the home of "St. Simon," "Donovan," "Ayrshire," "St. Serf," "Memoir," and other thoroughbreds of distinguished names, is always greatly appreciated by the guests at Welbeck, and it would appear to give the Duke the greatest happiness to personally conduct his friends through the stables, and discuss with them the merits of the occupants of the several stalls and boxes. Huncicroft is indeed one of Welbeck's principal sights, for it is here that some of the finest products in horseflesh are carefully tended. Amongst those accompanying the Duke were the Bishop of Southwell, who appeared greatly interested in what he saw and freely commented upon the wonderful appearance of some of the animals, Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., Mr. Warner Turner (who manages the stud), County Councillor Bingley, and many others. Arriving at the stables, the party was met by Mr. W. Chapman, stud groom, who at the Duke's request, led out the horses or escorted detachments of the visitors through the many loose boxes. The Duke is happy in his choice of grooms, for the horses are extremely well cared for, and are alike creditable to owner and servant. The first stallion to be led out was "Johnny Morgan," a handsome horse, eight years old, sprightly and active, used chiefly for the Duke's tenants. Next came the universal favourite, "Donovan," in the very height of condition, and looking better than ever. This horse, whose achievements are almost unparalleled, is now seven years of age, and appears to have lost none of his former popularity. He is a remarkably fine specimen of an English thoroughbred, of whom so excellent a judge of horse-

flesh as his noble owner is very justly proud. The winner of the St. Leger and the Derby of 1889 is a great credit both to owner and groom. The last horse shown was "St. Simon," which has a famous record.

Of brood mares the Huncicroft list contains no fewer than twenty-three, including "Dodona," with a bay filly by Donovan.—"Dione" foaled January 30th, one of the most promising foals of the year, and in the ordinary course of things should prove of historic worth. "Semolina," "Memoir," "Mowerina," and "Atalanta" are also included in the list. The Duke is happy in the possession of no less than fourteen handsome yearlings which appeared to come in for exceptional scrutiny. Three of these were specially singled out as possessing superior merits; these were "Anax" (Donovan-Dodona), a beautiful bay colt with strong frame and fine points, which is the Duke's first favourite, and is in every way qualified to become a winner of some repute. Perhaps the next in order is "The Owl," a chestnut colt (Wisdom-Rattlewings), foaled April 6th, and which with "Scholastica," a pretty bay filly (Hampton-Satchel), foaled February 14th, was most fancied. A bay colt, "Milner" (St. Simon-Marquesa) came in for decidedly high praise, and was voted by almost general consent to be like his familiar namesake, a popular and certain winner,—a jocular verdict with which the member for Bassetlaw heartily agreed. A brown colt, "Troon" (Hampton-Atalanta), own brother to Ayrshire is calculated to develop into a horse of good account.

Of the seventeen horses the Duke has in training six own St. Simon as their sire; four of these being three-year-olds, and the rest two. Ayrshire is represented by two, Hampton three, Wisdom two, and Rosebery, Minting, Bend Or, and Retreat one each. The inspection occupied nearly two hours, the visitors, mostly tenant-farmers, returning evidently well pleased with what they had seen, and grateful to the Duke for the kindness he had shown them. Subsequently the party proceeded to Mr. Warner Turner's office, where his Grace said farewell. Here refreshments were again provided, and each of the tenants before leaving was presented with a portion of the christening cake.



THE SCOTCH PRESENT AND WORKSOP ADDRESS CASKET.

THE SCOTCH PRESENTATION.

SATURDAY, May 6th, 1893, was a gala day on the beautiful domains of Cessnock Castle, and one that will be long kept in remembrance by the many who shared in the day's proceedings. The occasion was the second annual show of Galston Parish and District Agricultural Association, and the interest of a most successful show was delightfully enhanced by the presence of the Duke of Portland, who arrived that morning from the south specially to take part in the day's proceedings. The visit was also made the opportunity of presenting His Grace with a richly chased silver cradle and an illuminated address, the expressions by the Ayrshire tenantry and employés of the gratification they have felt at the birth of a son and heir to the Duke and Duchess and their vast estates. The presentation was fixed for 12.45 a.m., and took place in a spacious marquee erected on the grounds, where the tenantry and employés were entertained to a cake and wine banquet. The presentation cradle, which is a masterpiece of the silversmith's art, is of solid silver, and is classical in design. It takes the form of a Roman galley, supported on two pillars. The stand rests upon a base of ebony, overlaid with an octagonal-shaped mirror, set in a silver frame work, at the corners of which are seated four figures of children, easily and naturally posed. The supporting pillars are entirely in keeping with the classical character of the whole, and are adorned with medallions enclosing cherub heads. In the outline, as we have said, the cradle resembles a Roman galley, but the ornamental details are appropriate to the occasion of the presentation. Seated at prow and stem are figures of cupids holding in their outstretched hands a turtle dove; other emblems of love being furnished in the sheathed arrows, which are suspended at each side, fore and aft. Along the top runs an open rail, with the Portland arms in the centre on each side, while the body is chased in relief with twining roses. The addition of rockers suggests the apparent purpose of the gift. The sides are centred with oval panels, that in front being in *bas-relief*, depicting a group of children welcoming a new-born

babe with floral offerings. The obverse contains the inscription, which runs as follows:—"Presented along with congratulatory address to their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Portland, by the tenantry and employés on His Grace's Ayrshire estates, on the occasion of the birth of the Marquis of Titchfield, 16th March, 1893. Cessnock Chase, 6th May, 1893." The presentation stands about 18 inches high by 12 inches long, and will form a handsome centre piece for either fruit or flowers. Accompanying the gift was an address, richly emblazoned in heraldic colours, and enclosed in a blue velvet covered case, bearing in gold the ducal coronet and the letter "P." It was signed by 25 of the representative Scotch tenants. The address was in these terms:—

"Unto the most noble William John Arthur Charles James, sixth Duke of Portland.

May it please your Grace,—We, the tenants and employees on your Grace's estates in Ayrshire, respectfully offer our sincere and hearty congratulations to your Grace and the Duchess upon the auspicious birth of a son and heir. We earnestly pray that all good may attend the youthful Marquis of Titchfield, that he may have health and happiness, and that under a kind Providence he may be spared to become a blessing to his parents and an honour to his country. Entertaining as we do the deepest feeling of respect and loyalty towards your Grace and the Duchess, we shall always take the warmest interest in the future welfare of the Marquis. That long life and much happiness may be granted to your Grace and the Duchess is our earnest prayer.

On behalf of the tenants 25 signatures follow.

Mr. J. Baird, who presided, made the presentation in a capital speech.

The DUKE OF PORTLAND, in accepting the gifts, said: Mr. Baird, I thank you most sincerely for the very kind words you have spoken about me; and I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful casket and most kindly-worded address with which you have presented me. (Applause.) I regret very much that my wife is not with me

to-day, for I am sure it would be a very great joy to her to meet her Ayrshire friends, and to tell them herself how deeply she had been touched by the good feeling and kindly sentiment which the birth of our son has evoked. Though not present in person, I am sure she is with us in spirit, and agrees with me when I say that we will do our best to educate our little boy to look upon his duty to the people who lie around his homes in Scotland and in England as the first consideration of his life. You, my friends, are always so loyal to my wife and myself, that I am sure when he is old enough to go about amongst you he will find his duties a pleasure, and look forward with gladness to meeting his friends in the farmsteads in Ayrshire. To him, I know, you wish to extend the same friendship you have always shown to me, and I trust he will prove himself worthy of your love and respect. Besides the pleasure I feel at meeting my Ayrshire friends, it gives me additional pleasure to be present at your agricultural show. I think perhaps you are aware that both at Welbeck and at Bothal, in Northumberland, we have annual shows. I started these exhibitions with the cordial co-operation of my tenantry, as I considered they would be beneficial in many ways, and I am glad to say they have turned out more successful than even my most sanguine anticipations led me to believe. In the first place, I hoped these shows would be the means of knitting together more closely, if possible, my tenants and myself, and that I should have the opportunity of meeting every one of them at my home once a year. In the second place, I hoped that they would be an incentive to my tenants to produce as good stock as it is possible to grow—for in these times of depression in agriculture, of which there is no one more sensible than I am, in my humble opinion it is most important for the farmer to breed cattle of the best description, to grow corn and grain from the best seeds, to make butter and cheese on the most approved principle, so that he may be able to compete in the foreign market with the foreign producer. Every year at the English shows the quality of the stock is in the opinion of good judges steadily improving. Although from what I have seen of the stock exhibited here to-day, I have formed a very high opinion of the produce of your county, yet I am sure the healthy rivalry

which must be engendered by such a show as this will prove a great and lasting benefit to the farmers of Ayrshire. Gentlemen, I wish your show the greatest success, and drink to the health of my tenants and farmers in general in Ayrshire. (Loud applause.)

The EARL OF EGLINGTON proposed three cheers for the Duchess of Portland, which were given with heartiest enthusiasm.

The following telegram was received from the Duchess to the Duke of Portland:—"I am with you in spirit this afternoon. Please tell my friends at Galston how deeply I feel this expression of their sympathy in our happiness; how greatly we shall value their gift, and how pleased I shall be to thank them some day in person.—W. PORTLAND."

THE WORKSOP PRESENTATION.

ON Tuesday morning a silver casket and an address from the inhabitants of Worksop was presented to the Duke of Portland. The casket was manufactured by Messrs. Mappin and Webb, Sheffield, while the illuminated address on vellum was executed by Mr. R. White, of Worksop. The casket is in cylinder form, about a foot in length, and three inches in diameter, and lies upon an ornamental gantry. This, in its turn, is supported upon an ebony plinth. An exquisitely-wrought representation of Welbeck Abbey appears in the centre of the casket. Upon one side is a ducal coronet, and upon the other the coronet of the Marquis of Titchfield. On the lid of the cylinder, and the opposite ends, are the arms and crests of the family. The address contains the arms of the Duke of Portland, quartered with the Dallas arms; also the arms and seal of the Worksop Priory, the arms and seal of Welbeck Abbey, and the arms of the Worksop Local Board. The deputation consisted of Mr. John White (chairman of the Worksop Local Board), the Rev. H. T. Slodden (Vicar of Worksop), the Rev. W. F. Boot, Messrs. H. V. Machin, J.P., Sidney Smith, R. Wood, R. White, T. Marris, C. E. Daffen, J. Appleton, and R. H. Allen. These,

with the addition of Mr. Joseph Garside and Mr. C. Tylden-Wright, J.P., who were unavoidably absent, were the sub-Committee appointed by the Presentation Committee to make the presentation. They were received by the Duke and Duchess of Portland in the State Drawing Room. Mr. J. Appleton (one of the hon. secretaries) read the address, which was as follows:

“To the most noble William John Arthur Charles James Cavendish Bentinck, Sixth Duke of Portland.

May it please your Grace,—We, Inhabitants of Worksop, in the county of Nottingham, desire to offer our sincere and hearty congratulations both to yourself and to her Grace, the Duchess of Portland, on the birth of an heir to your illustrious house. We sincerely trust that you and her Grace may be spared to see the Marquis of Eitchfield attain to man's estate, and not unmindful of the many responsibilities attending exalted rank, we pray that, following in the steps of his parents, the heir of Welbeck may fill with honour and credit, throughout a long and useful life, the high position to which the Providence of God has called him. We fully appreciate the many good offices rendered to our town by your Grace, and sincerely hope that the close and pleasant bond between Welbeck and Worksop may long continue. We have the honour to subscribe ourselves, your Grace's obedient servants.

Here followed the signatures of the deputation and the two absent gentlemen.

Mr. JOHN WHITE then presented the address and its casket. In doing so he expressed the pleasure it gave him to perform this duty on behalf of the inhabitants of Worksop, and said he and his colleagues had been deputed to convey their good wishes and congratulations on the happy event which had occurred in their Graces' family. He sincerely trusted that their heir might be spared to enjoy many years of life, and that he would maintain the close and happy connection of Welbeck with the town of Worksop which his parents had hitherto done. He hoped the gift would be accepted, not for

its intrinsic value, but for the evidence it conveyed of the good wishes and esteem of their Graces of every inhabitant of Worksop, all of whom desired to see the goodwill which existed between the Portland family and the town established still more firmly even than in the past, to their mutual and lasting benefit.

The REV. H. T. SLODDEN said the inhabitants of Worksop felt that it was only right and proper to come forward at this happy incident in the domestic life of the Duke and Duchess, and show the high esteem in which they were held. They were not there because he was of exalted rank and they were commoners, but because of the fact that ever since his Grace had entered upon the estates he had taken great interest in Worksop, and more especially in the poor of the town. (Hear, hear.) They trusted that the young Marquis would have health and strength, and would worthily follow in the footsteps of his parents. (Hear, hear.)

The DUKE OF PORTLAND, in reply, said: I thank you, both in my name and in that of my wife, for the very gratifying expression of sympathy in our happiness which this beautiful testimonial embodies. I am indeed pleased to have this opportunity of renewing the kindly expressions that passed between the people of Worksop and ourselves at the time of our wedding. I hope that the four years that have elapsed since then have served to strengthen on your part the kindly feeling of interest—I would rather say friendship—that surrounds us at Welbeck. If anything were needed to bind us more closely to our home, it would be the ties of grateful pleasure in the affection of our surroundings, and the hearty manner in which you have all shared in our gladness over the birth of our son. The remembrance of it will remain with us through life, and I need not say it will be our constant and earnest endeavour to bring up our little son, who has been so heartily welcomed here and elsewhere, in such a manner as to make him worthy in every sense of the kind welcome that has been so freely extended to him. I regret the absence of Mr. Garside, whom I have always greatly respected, and also my old friend Mr. Tylden-Wright. (Cheers.)

This concluded the ceremony, and after the Duke and Duchess had shown the members of the deputation some of the objects of interest which the apartment contained, the latter were provided with refreshment, and advantage was taken of the occasion to drink the healths of the Marquis of Titchfield and his parents.

A HANDSOME TOY FOR THE MARQUIS.

Mr. F. Broadbery, of Retford, presented the Marquis with the model steam trawler which took the first prize at the Fisheries Exhibition.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT WELBECK.

IN continuation of the rejoicings in connection with the auspicious event, there was a "Children's Day" on Tuesday, when 3,000 children on the estate were entertained in a right royal manner. About one o'clock it seemed as though the gathering would be spoiled, rain falling heavily for some time. Fortunately, before the children arrived, the sun struggled through the clouds, and no harm was done, the ground being little the worse for the downpour. The gathering was carefully planned, and everything was done in a most complete manner. The scene of the festivities was the grand lawn, with its springy turf, in front of the Abbey, and there was plenty of room for the children to romp. Those invited were the scholars attending the schools on the Duke's estate, the schools being Welbeck, Elmton and Creswell, Cuckney, Whaley Thorns, Mansfield Woodhouse, Bolsover, Whitwell, Warsop, Carburton, and Clipstone. The farmers and others had willingly lent their waggons for the conveyance of the young guests, and had further evidenced their enthusiasm in liberally bedecking both waggons and horses in brilliant colours. At 2.30 the children marched to the lawn, and were drawn up in front of the house, the various schools being separate. The Welbeck Brass Band played selections the while, and when all were assembled photographs were taken by the Sherwood Photographic Co., West Gate, Mansfield. The sight was an exceedingly pretty one. Many of the Welbeck school girls wore bright scarlet

cloaks (the gift of the Duchess) and white dresses—a most effective contrast—and the Elmton and Creswell children carried miniature Union Jacks, both these items doing much to add brightness to an already beautiful scene. The numbers from each school, the colours, and the ladies and gentlemen in charge, are given below:—Mansfield Woodhouse (blue and white) 478 children, 28 teachers; the Rev. C. Webb, vicar; the Rev. J. F. Tomlinson, curate; Mr. W. F. Warner, headmaster and assistants.—Whaley Thorns (green) 280 children; Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hickling, Mr. Hartley, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Stead, Miss Marks, Miss Cook, and Miss Edeson.—Cuckney (red) 190; the Rev. H. S. Berry (vicar), Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman (head master and mistress), Mr. Jotcham, Miss Evers, and Miss Hett.—Elmton and Creswell (violet and yellow) 150; the Rev. C. W. Tibbits (vicar).—Welbeck (rose and green) 130; Miss Rudd.—Warsop (blue) 300; the Rev. R. J. King (curate), Mr. H. Pearce (master), Miss Barker (infants' mistress) and assistants.—Bolsover (yellow) 438; the Rev. T. C. Hills, the Rev. J. B. Maughan, Mr. J. Hunter (schoolmaster), Miss Rockley, Mr. J. W. Rawson, Miss Brown, Miss Wright, Miss Marsh, Miss Raynor, Miss Johnson.—Whitwell (rose) 450; Canon Mason (rector), Rev. T. Munford, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Wilson, Misses Johncock, Dooley, Jackson, and Taylor.—Clipstone (red and white) and Carburton (violet), 33 and 24 respectively, under Miss Wells and Miss Maltby (Clipstone), and Mrs. Myers (Carburton).

The Duchess was attired in a chocolate and green costume edged with gold, and wore the colours of the Welbeck school.

The children then sang the following hymn:—

We are but little children weak,
Nor born in any high estate;
What can we do for JESUS' sake,
Who is so High and Good and Great?

We know the Holy Innocents
Laid down for Him their infant life,
And Martyrs brave, and patient Saints
Have stood for Him in fire and strife.





CHILDRENS' DAY—THE ASSEMBLY.

We wear the cross they wore of old,
Our lips have learn'd like vows to make;
We need not die; we cannot fight;
What may we do for JESUS' sake?

Oh, day by day, each Christian child
Has much to do, without, within;
A death to die for JESUS' sake,
A weary war to wage with sin.

When deep within our swelling hearts
The thoughts of pride and anger rise,
When bitter words are on our tongues,
And tears of passion in our eyes;

Then we may stay the angry blow,
Then we may check the hasty word,
Give gentle answers back again,
And fight a battle for our LORD.

With smiles of peace, and looks of love,
Light in our dwellings we may make,
Bid kind good humour brighten there,
And still do all for JESUS' sake.

There's not a child so small and weak
But has its little cross to take,
His little work of love and praise
That He may do for JESUS' sake.

Amen.

After this the band played a few bars of "God Save the Queen." The Duke called for three cheers for Her Majesty, and these were heartily given. Having been inspected by the Duke and Duchess of Portland, each school marched to its own particular point, where there was a table literally loaded with toys for distribution, which were handed out by the teachers. These consisted of valuable well-dressed dolls, boxes of tools, games of race, sets of bats and stumps, and the like, all of which it is needless to say were appreciated by the children. In addition to these, other toys were competed for in racing and other ways, while some of the guests at the Abbey threw silver and copper for the children to scramble for. The masters organised the races, the Duke himself officiated as starter, and her Grace distributed the prizes. Sir Frederick Milner, Lord Newark, and other members of the house party assisted in the judging. After the boys had had several races, in which there had been

good starts, the Duke suggested the girls should give variety to the programme by having races. Here, however, there was a bad start to begin with. "Are you ready?" cried the Duke, and before he could give the word "Go," the competitors were half-way down the course, to the amusement of His Grace, who shouted with all his might, "Come back," and added in not quite so loud a tone, "That's just the way the fillies always start." His Grace's aim throughout the day was to keep the ball rolling, and the children thoroughly amused, and he succeeded in doing this in an admirable manner. Amongst other sports were tugs of war, 25 a side, the competitors in which events His Grace personally selected. To each of the winners His Grace gave one penny. On one occasion he was paying the lads the penny when the boy said "If you please, your Grace, you gave me my money." "Good boy," replied the Duke, "Take another one." Next to the racing and competitions the most popular enjoyment was a merry-go-round at the side of the lawn. The wooden steeds were kept moving all day, and the ducal domain resounded with the strains of that terrible "Man who broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," played by a steam organ. Swings, a punch and judy show, and other amusements were provided, and dotted about the lawn were small cosy tents. A large tent, tastefully decorated inside and out, was used solely for refreshments for those who had charge of the scholars. The Duke and Duchess mingled with the children, and seemed delighted with their happiness, and probably wished that the youthful Marquis, who had been held by a nurse at the window to give the children an opportunity of seeing him, was old enough to romp also. Admirable accommodation was made for the feeding of the children, an immense double tent, 330 feet long and 75 feet broad, being erected, whilst behind it were the necessary boilers. At four o'clock the 3,000 children were marched into the tent—where there was plenty of room to spare—and were regaled with sandwiches, plum loaf, and other delicacies delightful to the juvenile stomach.

The tea was a really splendid one, consisting of ham sandwiches, thin bread and butter, buttered cake, and other sweets, all of which, as was remarked by one of those present, "Just like they have at Welbeck," were greatly relished by

the little ones. The arrangements in this department were most admirably carried out by Mr. T. Warner Turner. One little child, satisfied with the good things of which she had partaken, and full to the brim with gratitude to the Duke and Duchess, ran outside, when she had eaten to the full, and gave vent to her feelings by shouting "Hip, hip, hurrah, for the Duke of Portland!" The Duke, who was standing near, of which fact the child was not aware, was highly amused, and putting his hand into his pocket gave the child a coin, which no doubt added to her pleasure. After tea another hymn was sung, and afterwards there was further romping and sports. At 6.15 the children were again formed up, filed past the Duke and Duchess, and were presented by their Graces with a token in remembrance of the day, and a bun. The token was a large white-metal medal, on which was inscribed—"From the Duke and Duchess of Portland, Welbeck, May 23rd, 1893," and on the obverse—"William Arthur Henry, Marquis of Titchfield, born March 16th, 1893." A blue ribbon was attached for it to be hung round the neck. How much these medals were appreciated may be gathered from the fact that many children were seen wearing them on the following Sunday. The distribution, which proved a most trying ordeal for their Graces, having been accomplished, the youngsters indulged in cheering, and were marched to their conveyances for home. The arrangements were perfect, everything going off without a hitch, and reflected great credit on Mr. T. Warner Turner, Mr. Stevens (Clerk of the Works), Mr. Spedding (house steward), and all who assisted.

PRESENTATION OF CORAL AND BELLS.



ON Wednesday afternoon a deputation from the Portland Habitation, Nottingham, waited upon the Duchess of Portland, in the Riding School at Welbeck. The deputation consisted of Councillor and Mr. E. N. Elborne, Mr. R. James (secretary), Mrs. Ind, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. M. Green, Miss Kate Green, Miss C. James, and Mrs. Allwood. Mrs. Elborne presented her Grace with a coral and bells, enclosed in a handsome morocco case, on which was inscribed, on a silver plate, "Presented to

the Marquis of Titchfield by the members of the Portland Habitation of the Primrose League, Nottingham, May 24th, 1893." In making the presentation on behalf of the members of the Habitation, Mrs. Elborne said she had much pleasure in congratulating her Grace and the Duke of Portland on the birth of their son and heir to the noble dukedom of Portland. She begged to present to her Grace, from the members of her Grace's habitation, a coral and silver bells for the infant Marquis, trusting that they might help to soothe his earlier troubles. It had given great pleasure to the members who presented the christening robe to the Lady Victoria Bentinck that her Grace had honoured them by using it upon that most auspicious occasion, and they trusted that their present gift would be in daily use by the Marquis of Titchfield. The Duchess of Portland cordially thanked the deputation for the kind presentation and Mrs. Elborne for her kind remarks. The deputation then withdrew.

GRAND PRIMROSE LEAGUE DEMONSTRATION.

SIGNIFICANT of the strength of several Nottinghamshire Habitations of the Primrose League, a demonstration of an imposing character took place at Welbeck on Wednesday. This gathering was a happy corollary of the preceding events of the week, that upon the anniversary of her Majesty's birth, a meeting in the Riding School should be held, which was eloquent in its illustration of the desire for Imperial solidarity which has formed the high aim of those who have laboured best for the country's advancement in the Victorian era. It was no ordinary function which had brought together such numbers of ardent Habitations established in the southern and northern parts of Nottinghamshire. Of enthusiasm there was an abundance, but beyond all there was an intelligent interest displayed in the purposes of a political gathering. The Welbeck, Worksop, Galway, Mansfield, and the Duchess of Portland Habitations were primarily concerned in the gathering, and whilst all their adherents with equal fervour participated in the demonstration, there was a special interest in regard to the branch of the Primrose League to which, with its headquarters in the county town, the Duchess has given her name.



THEIR GRACES AMUSING THE CHILDREN.

From one o'clock, when the gates were thrown open, thousands of people wearing the neat badges of the League were to be seen pouring into the park. From the northern, as from the southern districts of the county, special and other trains brought crowds of excursionists to Creswell, whence past the picturesque Crags they made their way to the Abbey. Meteorologically the conditions were not altogether of the most promising kind. A dull morning threatened rain, but happily the downpour which at times seemed imminent did not come to mar the enjoyment of the out of door proceedings. Nottingham was represented in force. So great was the crush at half-past twelve o'clock at the Midland Station, that it was found necessary to duplicate the special, for which arrangements had been originally made. At Lenton, Radford, Basford, and Bulwell there were reinforcements of travellers, who taxed to the utmost the accommodation of the railway company. So heavy was the booking from Mansfield alone that it was found necessary from that place to run another special. Experience was similar in regard to the northern districts of the county, and as a result, the little station at Creswell had not for many years presented an appearance of such unwonted animation. To the complete enjoyment of the visitors no obstacle was presented, and appreciation of the facilities rendered for making an ample tour of the park was on all sides manifested. Many amusements were provided, and in the day's programme a cricket match, to which considerable local interest attached, proved not the least attractive feature to lovers of the national game. Music was provided in the grounds by the Welbeck Brass Band. Tea was provided by Mr. R. Scott, Retford, in the large marquee erected in front of the Abbey for the children's use on Tuesday. After tea the members of the various Habitations assembled for a mass meeting in the Riding School, at which the Duke of Portland presided. The gathering had been fixed for six o'clock. A great crowd anxious for admission had, however, assembled in the neighbourhood of the building, one of the "wonders" of Welbeck, more than an hour previously. There were many present who remembered a notable demonstration years ago, when one who had rendered distinguished service to his country, the Earl of

Iddesleigh, then Sir Stafford Northcote, was the chief speaker. Upon the same platform the Duke again presided over an enthusiastic gathering, which was second only in point of numbers to that of 1884. The handsome banners of the Welbeck and Mansfield Habitations were prominently displayed, and the table at which the chairman sat was covered with the Union Jack.

His Grace upon entering the Riding School with the Duchess, who was attired in a black dress, was most heartily received, the audience cheering enthusiastically. Her Grace sat at the right hand of the Duke, and on his left was the Duchess of Buccleuch. Among those who also occupied seats on the platform were:—The Duke of Buccleuch, Lord Henry Bentinck, Lady Ottoline Bentinck, Lord Newark, M.P., and Lady Newark, Sir Frederick Milner, M.P., and Lady Milner, Sir William Marriott, M.P., late Chancellor of the Primrose League, Colonel Eyre, Unionist candidate for the Mansfield Division, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas-Yorke, Mr. B. Yorke, Mr. H. Graham, Mrs. Gerard Leigh, Colonel and Mrs. Denison, Rev. Watkin Homfray, Misses Homfray, Rev. J. Butterwick, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. T. Warner Turner, Miss Turner, Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elborne, Mr. H. V. Machin, Mr. Hodding, Mr. J. Smith (Hon. Sec. "Galway" Habitation), Mr. Bird, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Beevor, Mr. Spedding, Mr. W. S. Birkin, Mr. H. Wyles, Mr. J. H. Haywood, Mr. S. Brittle, Mr. A. Middleton, Mr. C. H. Kitchen, Dr. G. W. Sparke (Ruling Councillor of the Mansfield Habitation), Alderman Savage (chairman of Mansfield Conservative Association), Mr. W. Bryan, Mr. F. Sanderson, Mr. C. F. Elliot Smith, etc.

THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, who was received with enthusiastic cheers, in opening the proceedings, said:—Ladies and gentlemen,—Once again I have the pleasure of welcoming you, the members of the Bassetlaw and district Habitations of the Primrose League to Welbeck. I most gladly do so, and I hope that you have all spent a pleasant day and have enjoyed yourselves thoroughly. (Cheers). It is now two years since I had the pleasure of seeing some of you here. In that time many

events have occurred in our political history, most of which I think you will agree with me are to be deplored by every true-hearted lover of our country, and by every patriotic Englishman. (Cheers). When we last met here the Government, of which Lord Salisbury was the brilliant chief, and in which Mr. Balfour held the reins of government in Ireland, sagaciously controlled the affairs of the United Kingdom. Since then a great change has occurred on the political horizon, and our country is threatened by an overwhelming cloud, as murky and as black as any which in the memory of man has ever appeared. This veil of darkness is the Home Rule for Ireland Bill—(cheers)—which Mr. Gladstone and his party are now attempting to make into law. At the last election many of the electors of our country were led astray by the specious promises which were held out to them by the Radical party, promises, ladies and gentlemen, which never can be fulfilled, because the schemes which they embrace are perfectly impracticable, and are only the clap-trap of a Radical programme to draw attention from the main question at issue. (Loud cheers). That main question at issue at the present time is whether we, as patriotic Englishmen, and Englishwomen, too, will allow the United Kingdom to be dismembered, and whether we will allow the loyal subjects of the Queen in Ireland to be placed under the heel of a disloyal and priest-ridden Parliament in Ireland. For my own part, I do not believe that such a cruel injustice will be allowed to occur—(cheers)—for, speaking as a very humble supporter of Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords, I am quite sure that the Bill will there be rejected by an overwhelming majority, and sooner or later Mr. Gladstone will have to face the opinion of the English people on that measure, and on that measure alone. (Cheers.) Then, I think he will find that all his tricks and chicanery as set forth in the Newcastle programme will not avail him, but that the common sense of the country will rise up and say in no uncertain voice, “We are tired of jugglers and charlatans. Give us back our true and patriotic statesmen, and let us hear no more of such a scheme as Home Rule for Ireland or the dismemberment of our great and glorious British Empire.” (Loud cheers.) Although many constituencies were led away and deceived by the vote-catching

promises contained in the Radical programme, I am proud to think that there was too much common sense and patriotism amongst the people of Bassetlaw to allow such a thing to occur. (Cheers.) Even though every means was used, and some of them not of a very honourable kind, to set class against class, and to misrepresent the sayings and doings of Sir F. Milner, yet you returned him at the head of the poll. (Renewed cheers.) I doubt not that you intend to keep him there as long as he will do us the honour to represent this division of Notts. in the House of Commons. (Cheers.) To do so, however, will take hard work and unflagging attention, and I beg of you all to leave no stone unturned to insure the election of a man who puts patriotism to his country and loyalty to his Queen before the feverish longing for power at the expense of his principles and to the detriment of his country. (Loud cheers.)

SIR FREDERICK MILNER, Bart., M.P., made a pleasing reference to the demonstration of affection which had been accorded to the Duke of Portland during the last few days. So long as they had men like him to uphold the landed interests, they need not fear. (Cheers.) He then proposed the following resolution:—

“That this meeting, representing the Primrose League Habitations of the Bassetlaw and adjoining divisions of Notts., desires to publicly protest against the Home Rule Bill now before the House of Commons, being convinced that if passed into law it will be injurious to the best social interests of the United Kingdom, an unjust desertion of our Protestant brethren in Ulster and the loyal minority in Ireland, and dangerous to the stability and integrity of this great Empire.”

He pointed out that no member of Mr. Gladstone's party had ever attempted to show for a moment why the disloyal should be given powers which he would not dream of giving to England, Scotland, or Wales. He had always been in favour of giving to the Irish people precisely the same measure of justice that we had in this country. Why should they be given more? They had not shown themselves to be more loyal, but, on the contrary, the great majority were extremely disloyal. (Cheers.) The Home Rule Bill purposed to hand



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over the complete control of Irish affairs to the most disaffected portion of the people of the country, and at the same time to burden the English Parliament with an overwhelming number of Irish members. It would become absolutely intolerable. The late election was fought altogether upon a false issue. Mr. Gladstone would not reveal his scheme, and kept it only for those men whom he himself had accused of "marching through rapine to the dismemberment of the Empire." (Loud cheers.) The more the Home Rule Bill was discussed the more revolting it became to men and women of common sense. Mr. Gladstone knew this as well as anyone, and the last thing he meant to do was to give the English people a chance to speak their minds upon the question again. (Cheers.) No one knew better than the Premier that a general election at the present time meant his relegation into obscurity for the rest of his life, and the utter annihilation and destruction of those mad schemes which he had placed before the country. He concluded with an expression of opinion that when the time arrived for giving a decision Bassetlaw would do its duty for the Union. (Cheers.)

COLONEL EYRE, C.B., seconded the resolution. He declared that the Home Rule Bill was absolutely unworkable, as it was based on no constitutional principle. In the Bill, instead of one man having one vote, one man had a four-fold influence in the government of the country. In the first place, in Ireland he would have a vote for the Council; in the second place he would have a vote for the Assembly; in the third he would have a voice in the return of the eighty members who would have to come over to England, and in addition he would be able to join with the two millions of Irish voters in influencing the British House of Commons. (Cheers.)

SIR WILLIAM MARRIOTT supported the motion, and in doing so asked the Radicals who were present to consider how much better they were off after the nine months of Gladstonian rule than they were under the Unionist Government. (A Voice: "Increased income tax;" and cheers.) When the Gladstonians were out of office they were told by Mr. Morley that they had no right to keep troops in Egypt, but at the

present time the troops in that country had been doubled. He was prepared to say that this was a right policy, and that they were only following the statesmanlike policy of Lord Palmerston, and Lord Salisbury. (Cheers) The enormous mischief, however, which was done by speakers, criticising the policy of their opponents when out of office, and finding when in office that they would have to adopt it could not be over-estimated. (Cheers.) The speaker illustrated his argument by a reference to the excited state of public feeling in France on the subject of Egypt at the present time. When out of office Mr. Asquith spoke of the right to hold public meetings in Trafalgar Square. When the strikers of Hull began to riot, however, they found that Mr. Asquith's thumb was quite as thick as that of any Unionist Minister. (Cheers.) In the past, Mr. Gladstone had relied in a great measure upon the aid he obtained from Scotland, but a great change was coming over the Scottish people. A meeting of the General Assembly was held in Scotland on Monday. The Church elders had always up to now been warm supporters of the Radical party. At the meeting representatives came from Belfast, and spoke of the evils and injuries they as Protestants and Nonconformists would suffer if the Home Rule Bill were passed. The General Assembly passed a resolution of sympathy with their brethren, telling them that in the hour of need they would not be found wanting. The Scotch used quaint terms, and did not call it a resolution, but a "deliverence." That was what was wanted—deliverence from Mr. Gladstone and all his works. (Cheers.) The Unionist party were anxious to meet the people of England again. It was only by being allied with the Irish rebels that the Gladstonians could carry anything in the House of Commons. Were the 65 Parnellites and anti-Parnellites to leave the House next week there would be a majority of from 20 to 25 against Mr. Gladstone and his Government. The speaker concluded by stating that if the House of Lords were called upon they would do their best to let the great question involved in the Home Rule Bill be brought before the people again, so as to get their deliberate judgment. (Cheers.)

The motion was carried amid loud cheering.

LORD NEWARK, M.P., proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers. Referring to the silence of the Gladstonian Party on matters affecting the Home Rule Bill, he remarked that when "dumb madness" got into a kennel the only thing left was to destroy the whole of the dogs. When it got into a Ministry the same course must be adopted. (Laughter and cheers.)

LORD HENRY BENTINCK, who was very cordially received, in seconding the resolution, said that the speeches to which they had had the pleasure of listening were, if he might be permitted to say so, exactly the speeches which they needed in such a gathering as that. (Cheers.) The more they had of such speeches the greater would be their pleasure, and the more splendid would be their victory at the next general election. (Cheers.) That election could not be very far off, and all he could say was that the sooner it came the better it would be for the country. (Loud cheers.) There were unmistakable signs in the air that the feeling in the country was changing, and that ardent supporters of Mr. Gladstone were now beginning to rub their eyes, and were wondering what the Grand Old Man was up to. (Laughter and cheers.) There was now a complete absence of that swagger and bounce characteristic of so many of the Radical party. (Hear, hear.) There was, indeed, a feeling of general down-heartedness and depression, whilst it was gratifying to observe that on the other hand there was a rising feeling of confidence and enthusiasm. (Cheers.) He did not know whether those who were present that day had studied the number of petitions which had been sent up to the House of Commons. If they had they would, he believed, have found pretty good evidence as to which way the wind was blowing. He observed recently a paragraph in one of the newspapers, in which it was stated that no fewer than 3,000 petitions had been sent up, bearing 1,007,793 signatures in opposition to the Home Rule Bill, whilst only 30 petitions had been forwarded in its favour. In support of the Local Veto Bill, petitions with 297,000 signatures had been presented, whilst petition bearing 1,043,335 signatures had been presented against it. (Cheers.) He did

not ask them to attach too much weight to petitions, but this was certain—that there was no smoke without fire. (Cheers.) If therefore, over two millions of people had taken the trouble to attach their names to petitions for presentation to the House of Commons, it was evident there was a great smouldering feeling of dissatisfaction against the present Government. (Cheers.) There was little doubt that the members of the Radical party themselves knew they were becoming very unpopular. Sir William Harcourt used to go gassing about the country as to the flowing tide. He did not know whether it was that the supply of gas had failed or whether the flowing tide had stopped. They never heard a word about it. (Laughter.) Their opponents knew very well indeed that the tide was on the ebb, and that when it did come back it would return Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour as in the past; it would sweep them away from the offices they held. Why had Mr. Gladstone such a large majority in the House of Commons at the present time? It was because the Radical party were sticking together? Why did they flock into the lobbies like a lot of dumb animals at the crack of Mr. Gladstone's whip? It was because they knew that if they did not stick together they would lose the seats they gained at the last election by much trickery, falsehood, and misrepresentation. (Cheers.) Mr. Gladstone's 40 majority might do great credit to him as an electioneer and politician, but as a statesman and as a patriotic man, his 40 majority was nothing less than a disgrace to him. It was said that in the time of George II. the army in Flanders swore terribly. If that was a historical truth it would be equally true that Mr. Gladstone's supporters during the 1886 election lied terribly also. (Cheers.) He (Lord Henry) did not know what were the conditions in that part of the world, but he could say with regard to the eastern counties, that the quantity of lies that were told, the promises that were made, and the misrepresentation that was rife, were simply astounding. One Radical paper, in a certain contest, went so far as to quote from the Bible. They said that there should be a new heaven, and a new earth, and that sorrow and crying should flee from the land—(laughter)—and they gave their readers to understand that if they wanted a new heaven and a new earth, all that they had to



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do was to return a Radical majority. (Laughter.) He did not wish to say the electors swallowed all that was said as to the new heaven and the new earth, but there was no doubt that a great many people who ought to have known better did believe that wages were going to rise, and that the taxes would be reduced, and that they would obtain the land for a very easy consideration if a Radical majority were returned. He was informed, however, that now there was a considerable feeling of soreness at the fact that Sir William Harcourt—(laughter)—had not reduced taxation, and also with the circumstance that wages had not gone up. (Laughter.) He thought that it would go very hardly indeed with the Radical party when the next general election came round. (Hear.) He desired to remind them, however, that they could not possibly win elections unless they fought very hard. They did not know when the next election would come upon them. It might, however, come in a day, and it behoved them to keep their armour ready and their weapons bright, so that when the time did arrive they might rise and scatter their opponents like chaff before the wind. (Cheers.)

The resolution having been adopted with the utmost enthusiasm and acclamation,

MR. FRANK HUNTSMAN proposed a vote of thanks to the noble Chairman for presiding, and said that though some of those gentlemen who had proposed previous resolutions might have had some doubt as to the reception of their resolutions—though looking at the honest Notts. faces he saw no sign that any of them were contemplating a “great betrayal”—the resolution he had to propose would be accepted with unison in the hearts of all. It was not the first or second time the Duke had been so kind to them. (Hear, hear, and a voice, “Good old Duke,” and laughter.) He had come amongst them and cheered them on in the darker days on every possible occasion, and he felt certain they would all join in cordially thanking him. The House of Portland was always ready to share their joys with their neighbours—(applause)—and he was certain there was not one present who did not feel from the bottom of his heart the

greatest joy and happiness to be there and welcome him, and pass a vote of thanks to him and the Duchess. The proposition was received with loud cheers.

COUNCILLOR ELBORNE, Nottingham, seconded the resolution, which was carried amid loud and prolonged cheering.

The DUKE OF PORTLAND said: Mr. Huntsman and Mr. Elborne,—I thank you most sincerely, on behalf of my wife and on behalf of myself, for the kind things you have said of us. I have also to thank you very cordially for the very hearty reception that you have given us to-day. I rejoice to have this opportunity of thanking the people of Nottinghamshire for the very warm feeling shown towards us on the occasion of the birth of our little son. (Cheers.) I hope that he may prove worthy of your respect, and I trust that in years to come he may be here some day, on a platform like this to tell you how much he appreciates the good feeling which you have shown at his birth. (Cheers.) I rejoice to see such a large number here to-day, and I hope that some Radicals have come with you to see the fun and to see the show. (Laughter and cheers.) If they have I trust that they will go away converted, and in future not think so badly of the Primrose League. (Laughter and cheers.) Before the last election I know it was said that people living round here were unduly influenced to vote in the way which they thought would please me. As there is an election shortly to come on, I wish to say, with no uncertain voice that such a thing has never occurred, and will never occur so long as I am Duke of Portland. (Cheers.) I wish every man with whom I am connected in any way to vote in the way that his conscience may direct him. (Hear, hear.) I wish him to give due consideration to the political events of the time, then to form an opinion, and to register his vote as he thinks most fitting. (Cheers.) On behalf of my wife and myself I again thank you for the splendid reception that you have given us. (Cheers.)

The proceedings, which had throughout been enthusiastic, terminated with the National Anthem.

A general move was afterwards made in the direction of the vehicles by which the parties had travelled from the neighbouring places and railway stations. The traffic was especially heavy between Welbeck and Cresswell Station. All the special trains were despatched promptly and without accident, the various excursionists reaching home shortly before midnight.

A CRICKET MATCH.

DURING the afternoon of Wednesday, a cricket match was played between the Welbeck Tenants C.C. and Mansfield, and resulted in a hollow victory for the Tenants, who closed their innings at 191 for two wickets, and dismissed Mansfield for 38.

THE EMPLOYEES' PRESENTATION.

THE last, but by no means least, in importance or sincerity, of the presentations to the Duke and Duchess of Portland took place on Thursday, at the Abbey. It was from the heads of the various departments in the employ of the Duke, and as particularly solicitous as to the respect and confidence of their employés, the recipients will, doubtless, especially treasure the evidence of affection and regard of those in their service. The presentation consisted of a handsome address, and on receiving it both the Duke and Duchess expressed themselves highly delighted with it. It will be the more acceptable as a token of genuine esteem from the fact that it comes from those with whom the Duke has come into contact almost daily since his accession to the title, and it is not a matter of surprise that they should wish to join the universal congratulations which the birth of the Marquis of Titchfield has called forth, and by

a lasting memorial of their good wishes endeavour to still further cement, if that were possible, the good feeling which exists between them and their noble master. The address is in album form, and is a fine specimen of the illuminator's art. It is choicely bound in olive green morocco with bevelled edges and magnificently tooled, having on the front within a gilded shield, the ducal coronet with the monograms of the Duke and Duchess, P. and W.P., and the date of the birth of the Marquis, March, 1893. The linings are of *vieux rose* (or malmaison, the favourite colour of the Duchess) silk, an exceedingly delicate shade of pink, the tooling around which is in gilt of a choice pattern. The first page of the illuminated matter has an ornamental border of a modern conventional type, and is headed with a massive Gothic initial T, whilst the words "Their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Portland," are in bold early English style. There are also the full armorial bearings of the Duke, with a shield bearing on the dexter side the quarterings of the Dallas-Yorke family, and worked nicely into the border is a spray of oak, symbolical of strength and beauty, the body of the address being in Gothic church text, and interspersed with many pretty initials. The second page, which is perhaps the prettiest, has on the left a fine bold initial letter I, on the right a choice water-colour sketch of the interior of the Duke's private chapel, in which the superb marble pillars, choice tapestry, and masonic quarterings, &c., are clearly shown, and down this side are some very rich ornamentations going round the bottom of the page in which again a sprig of oak—one of the details of the family arms—is conspicuous. At the foot of this page is a pretty vignette of the font used for the first time for the christening of a Marquis of Titchfield. These two water colour sketches are appropriate on this account. The design throughout is pure Gothic, a striking feature through all being a conventional arrangement of the oak leaf and acorn previously alluded to. The whole has been executed by Messrs. H. P. Sissons and Son, of Worksop, and is a splendid example of modern illumination in album form, and quite in keeping with the reputation of the designers and executants. The wording of the address is as follows:—





HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, &c.

To their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Portland.

We, your heads of departments at Welbeck, and officials at the Estate Offices, for ourselves and as representing the people employed on the Welbeck Estate, beg to offer your Graces our most hearty congratulations on the recent happy event of the birth of a son and heir, more especially as it is over a century since a Marquis of Titchfield was born. It is an event of great interest and promise in which we and all your people share your Graces' satisfaction, and our earnest hope is that by the Providence of God the Marquis may be a life-long pride and joy to his noble and esteemed parents, may maintain the honour of the great name and title to which he is born, and use his superior advantages to their highest purposes.

Then come the signatures, G. W. W. Boaler (chief clerk, Estate offices), Rev. James Butterwick (chaplain to the Duke), C. Caple (roads and drainers' foreman), Walter Chapman (stud-groom, Hunciecroft), Frank Cook (surveyor), E. G. Hamlyn (Supt. Fire Brigade), J. Horton (head gardener), W. H. Jamieson (woods and forests), William Lindley (stud-groom), George Loudon (head coachman), James Loudon (chief clerk, Welbeck), E. H. Rawson (clerk, estate offices), J. Scott (clerk, estate offices), J. W. Spedding (house steward), J. W. Stevens (clerk of the works), J. Thornton (secretary's office), Fred J. Turner (the Duke's agent), T. Warner Turner (secretary and sub-agent to the Duke), W. F. Warner (clerk, estate offices, Mansfield Woodhouse), Austin Woodrow (head keeper), H. W. Woods (farm bailiff).

At the presentation the head coachman (Mr. G. Loudon) and Mr. G. W. W. Boaler were unavoidably absent. After Mr. F. W. Tassell, of Mansfield, had photographed the whole of the party, they were received in the Red Drawing-room of the Abbey by the Duke and Duchess, who heartily shook hands with their chief servants. They were introduced by Mr. Fred J. Turner, who said the heads of departments were anxious to give expression to their feelings with reference to the birth of a son and heir to the Duke and Duchess.

Mr. H. W. Woods then came forward and said, "Your Graces,—The privilege has been accorded to me of presenting an address to your Graces on behalf of the Heads of Departments on the Welbeck estates. It gives me the most sincere pleasure to have this opportunity of expressing, by means of the document I shall ask you to accept, the true feelings towards your Graces of all those who have signed the Address, and which with your Grace's permission, I will now read." He then read the address as quoted above, and asked their Graces' acceptance of the same.

The Duke and Duchess inspected the present and expressed themselves highly pleased with it.

HIS GRACE, in acknowledgment, said—Mr. Turner, Mr. Woods, and gentlemen,—On behalf of the Duchess and on my own behalf I thank you very much for the kindly worded address which you have presented to us, to wish us joy on the birth of our little son. The expressions therein contained deeply touch our hearts, and we gain much pleasure from the thought that we are held in such esteem by our officials and by the people we employ at this, our English home. (Applause.) So long as you do your duty faithfully and honestly we shall always endeavour to foster and encourage the love and affection which we rejoice to think at present binds us together. (Applause.) I am certain that to carry out at a high standard the necessary work on this estate there must be a firm confidence between us. We are gladly sensible, gentlemen, that this now exists, and my wife and I want you to feel that we consider it our duty, as it has always been our pleasure, to be kind and considerate to those we employ—(applause)—so that we may lighten the arduous work which at certain periods you are all in your different departments called upon, in my behalf, to undertake. I am glad of this opportunity to thank you one and all for the very energetic way everything has been arranged and carried out to make a success of the festivities we have just completed, and which, I hope, have been a source of gratification and amusement to all who have been entertained. (Applause.) We trust, gentlemen, that when our son

is old enough to read and appreciate this handsome address he will find himself bound to his home by an affection and pleasure which will stimulate him to educate himself to fulfil the duties which he will be called upon to perform in after life. (Hear, hear.) My wife and I most sincerely hope that many of you may be spared to see him grow up to man's estate, and that you and your families will be blessed with every happiness. (Applause.)

The donors were subsequently entertained to refreshment in the Gothic Hall.

The DUKE of PORTLAND proposed the loyal toasts, and referring to the fact that the previous day was the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, said all would doubtless wish her "many happy returns." The toast was heartily drunk.

Mr. FRED. J. TURNER proposed "The health of the Duke and Duchess of Portland." He was sure all would agree that they owed a deep debt of gratitude to them in every way. To use a homely phrase they were always on the look out to see what good they could do to all around them, and what they as employés had done in return was a very insignificant token of the feeling that they really had towards their Graces. The toast was enthusiastically received.

HIS GRACE, in responding, said he could only say that he should lose the whole of his pleasure in life, and his wife would also, if they did not feel that the people living round them at home not only respected, but he might say loved them. (Applause.) It was all very well for him to throw open the park gates and have lots of people here, but at the same time he was mindful that it caused a lot of trouble to the heads of the departments, and he very much appreciated the way in which they, one and all, did their work. They worked as hard as ever they could to give him satisfaction, and the people who came to Welbeck. He hoped this state of things would long continue, and if it did, he could only say that it would always be the most earnest wish of the Duchess and himself to see them and their families prosperous. (Applause.)

Mr. J. W. STEVENS proposed the health of the young Marquis, and expressed the hope that he would tread in the footsteps of his father. (Applause.)

The toast was heartily received.


The DUKE, in reply, thanked Mr. Stevens and his colleagues on behalf of the Marquis. He could only hope that when he grew up he would go round and visit all the people at their houses and make their personal acquaintance. Then he would know what they wanted, and when he did know, and when he stepped into his father's shoes, as he some day would, he would be prepared to carry out any good work for the benefit of the people which he (the Duke) and his wife might have started. (Applause.)

The guests were shown round the Abbey by his Grace, and noted with much interest the plate, heirlooms, &c.

The proceedings concluded a most successful series of celebrations of a happy event, and favoured throughout with fine weather, and thanks to the efforts of the home staff, everything passed off without a hitch.

THE GODPARENTS AND THE INFANT MARQUIS.

AMONGST the latest additions are the presents to the young son of their Graces from his Godfathers and Godmother. From his Godmother (the Duchess of Buccleuch) is a handsome gold dinner knife, fork, and spoon, and a golden cup, upon which is engraved "William Arthur Henry, Marquis of Titchfield, from his Godmother, Louisa Buccleuch, May 22, 1893." The Godfathers' presents consist of a fine old silver cup from Lord Henry Bentinck, and an elaborately chased gold cup, knife, fork, and spoon, from Mr. Henry Graham. On the silver cup is the inscription "Wm. Arthur Henry, Marquis of Titchfield, from his Godfather, Henry Bentinck, May 22nd, 1893," and on the gold cup from Mr. Hy. Graham is the monogram "T" ornamentally designed.



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